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FROM: BERLIN

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 892, OCTOBER 30, 8 PM

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PARIS FOR EMBASSY, USRO, STGESSEL AND MCGUIRE

REFERENCE: OUR 877 DEPT, 777 BONN.

FOLLOWING IS PRESENT SITUATION ON AUTOBAHN:

CONVOYS. BC IS SENDING REMAINDER OF ENGINEER COMPANY IN SIX  
SEPARATE CONVOY SERIALS, THREE TODAY AND THREE TOMORROW.  
TYPICAL SERIAL CONSISTS OF THREE MILITARY TRUCKS CARRYING  
ENGINEER PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, SUPPORTED BY ONE SIGNAL JEEP  
AND ONE MEDICAL JEEP. SIGNAL JEEP CARRIES ONE SIGNAL MAN AND  
ONE MILITARY POLICEMAN WITH MP BRASSARD AND PISTOL, OTHERWISE  
NOT DISTINCTIVELY DRESSED. TODAY'S THREE SERIALS CLEARED SOV  
CHECKPOINT BABELSBERG WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. FIRST SERIAL CLEARED  
HELMSTEDT 1300 HOURS; SECOND AT 1700; THIRD STILL EN ROUTE.

ASSISTANCE VEHICLES. BERLIN COMMAND MILITARY ASSISTANCE VEHICLE  
ARRIVED SOV CHECKPOINT BABELSBERG 7:00 PM LAST NIGHT. LARGE  
NUMBER SOV FIELD GRADE OFFICERS STILL PRESENT. VEHICLE CLEARED  
WITHOUT DIFFICULTY AND PROCEEDED UNEVENTFULLY TO HELMSTEDT.  
VEHICLE WAS UNMARKED MILITARY SEDAN WITH NO RADIO, OCCUPIED BY  
TWO MILITARY POLICEMEN IN COMBAT FATIGUES WITH PISTOLS, BUT  
NO OTHER DISTINGUISHING DRESS.

SECOND ASSISTANCE VEHICLE WAS SENT EARLY THIS MORNING. SECOND  
VEHICLE WAS ALSO UNMARKED SEDAN WITH NO RADIO CONTAINING MILITARY

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SS POLICEMEN IN STILL ANOTHER TYPE UNIFORM NOT DISTINCTIVE TO  
G MP'S, WEARING PISTOLS. VEHICLE WAS REFUSED PASSAGE THROUGH  
SP SOY CHECKPOINT WITH NO EXPLANATION GIVEN. ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES  
SA LATER, UNDER ORDERS FROM HEADQUARTERS, VEHICLE RETURNED TO SOY  
L CHECKPOINT. SOY OFFICER ASKED WHETHER VEHICLE WAS TO PATROL  
H AUTOBAHN AND WHEN IT INTENDED RETURN BERLIN. DRIVER REPLIED HE  
SB PROCEEDING UNDER ORDERS FROM HIS SUPERIOR. PASSAGE WAS AGAIN  
SO REFUSED, AND VEHICLE RETURNED WEST BERLIN. DISPATCH FROM BERLIN  
IO OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE VEHICLES SUSPENDED FOR TIME BEING.

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P ASSISTANCE VEHICLE THAT HAD BEEN ABLE PROCEED HELMSTEDT PREVIOUS  
USIA EVENING RETURNED TO BERLIN 11:30 THIS MORNING WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

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INR MISSION COMMENT. UNIMPEDED RETURN TO BERLIN OF ASSISTANCE VEHICLE  
CIA FROM HELMSTEDT PROBABLY ATTRIBUTABLE EITHER SOY FAILURE DIS-  
NSA SEMINATE ORDERS TO CHECKPOINT MARIENBORN OR MORE LIKELY, SOY  
OSD DECISION PERMIT VEHICLE RETURN TO HOME STATION. SINCE STOPPING  
ARMY OF WESTBOUND ASSISTANCE VEHICLES BEGAN, RETURNING EASTBOUND  
NAVY VEHICLES, OF WHICH THERE HAVE BEEN THREE, EXPERIENCED NO DIFFI-  
AIR CULTY.

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INSPECTION ISSUE. ON MORNING OF OCT 27, WHITE CONVOY CONSISTING  
OF THREE TRUCKS AND ONE SIGNAL JEEP WAS PROCESSING AT SOY CHECK-  
POINT BABELSBERG EN ROUTE HELMSTEDT, SOY SOLDIER REPEATEDLY  
ATTEMPTED MOUNT TRUCK BUMPERS IN ORDER SEE INSIDE. US CONVOY  
COMMANDER HAD TO RESORT PHYSICAL RESTRAINT PREVENT SOY SOLDIER  
FROM CARRYING OUT INSPECTION. SOY SOLDIER STATED CONVOY COULD  
NOT PROCEED UNTIL HE HAD LOOKED INTO TRUCKS. CONVOY COMMANDER  
COMPLAINED TO SOY OFFICER AT CHECKPOINT WHO APPEARED TO REPHRASE  
SOLDIER FOR ACTIONS, ALTHOUGH CONVOY COMMANDER COULD NOT UNDER-  
STAND LANGUAGE USED. CONVOY WAS THEN RELEASED. THIS IS LATEST OF  
SEVERAL SOY ATTEMPTS IN RECENT DAYS INSPECT INSIDE MILITARY TRUCKS  
BY MOUNTING VEHICLES.

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